

Application for Proposing New Materials for Curbside Collection in Snohomish County

Snohomish County Code 7.42.30

(2) The director may designate the materials which are to be collected as recyclables, yard debris or garbage. In determining the status of such materials the director shall consider health issues, environmental and economic factors, public demand, the material's compostability and ability to be recycled, the quantity of materials in the waste stream, and standards for processing facilities and equipment.

Proposal Questionnaire

For any new materials recommended for curbside recycling/organics collection within Snohomish County, please provide the following information in writing and in the format below. For proposals to remove materials currently collected in these programs, please adapt the questions and utilize for that purpose.

1. Description of material proposed for collection.
2. Describe specifically why you are proposing adding this material to the curbside collection service.
3. Provide a list of special preparation instructions for residents, if any.
4. How will you inform customers of this change?
5. Which material recovery facility(ies) will process this material?
6. What changes have occurred in the market place that ensures that this material will be successfully recycled and has suitable markets?
 - What has changed in the market to warrant collecting the material?
 - What is the end use of the material in this market?
 - How stable is this market?
 - What is the contingency if the market disappears?
7. Will adding this material create any additional revenues that will be passed on to rate payers?
 - If so, explain.
8. Will adding this material create any additional costs that will be passed on to rate payers?
 - If so, explain.
9. How will the material be marketed (what material specification does it meet, etc.)?
10. Will adding the material allow you to meet a higher specification or lower specification than currently met?
11. Describe specifically what has changed about how you handle materials that allows you to add this item and ensure that it has a high capture rate without leading to additional cross-contamination. Have there been MRF changes that which keep this new material from becoming contaminants, and if so, what has changed?
12. Describe how the material will be processed and separated from other materials at the MRF.

13. Will adding the material slow down the separation process or otherwise impact efficiencies at the processing facility?
14. Will adding the material require additional MRF improvements and/or equipment over time?
15. How does adding the material relate to your overall MRF improvement strategy?
16. How does adding the material relate to your overall collection strategy?
17. List the curbside programs you operate where this material is collected and describe the results.
 - Percent of material that ends up in the correct commodity stream
 - Percent of material that ends up in the wrong commodity stream
 - Percent of material that ends up in residual
 - If the information above isn't available, provide other specific data that is available.
18. List other curbside programs operated by other solid waste collection companies where this material is successfully collected, processed and marketed.
19. Explain if adding the material will increase or decrease curbside collection efficiencies (such as truck compaction rate, time driver deals with container, etc.).
20. Please explain any additional factors.